

Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, claim 19 has been replaced by new claim 30, as a result of which claims 20-24 have been amended to depend on claim 30. Original claim 19 indicates that the mixed solution comprises an inorganic salt of Al^{3+} “**or** at least one cation....” This group of cations includes Al^{3+} as well as other cations. But a literal reading of claim 19 indicates that the mixed solution does not necessarily have to contain an inorganic salt of Al^{3+} , but rather, could contain, for example, an inorganic salt of Cu^{2+} , without containing Al^{3+} . This has been corrected by the language of new claim 30, which requires that the mixed solution must contain an inorganic salt of Al^{3+} . For the other optional cations, new claim 31 has been added to the application. New claims 32-36 have also been added, which are the same as claims 20-24, except that they are dependent on new claim 31. Other changes of a minor nature have also been made in claim 24.

Applicants take the position that in view of the claim amendments, the rejection of claims 19-24 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 has been rendered moot.

The allowance of claims 1-15 and 17 is noted.


In item 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner is apparently requiring that the specification be amended to insert a cross-reference to the International application on which the present U.S. application is based. However, according to MPEP 1893.03(c), (page 1800-207, bottom of left column and top of right column), such a cross-reference to the International application “is not necessary”, and in fact “is inappropriate”.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that each of the grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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